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1. [redacted] Talked further with Mr. Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, regarding [redacted] for several days by the policy group of the full House Armed Services Committee. I followed up Admiral Taylor's conversation indicating that for a period of several days there was a security problem in terms of telephone calls and, without having to go into any details, Mr. Blandford saw the point completely and agreed that probably it would be inappropriate to use any of our facilities and suggested that we just forget the matter.

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2. [redacted] Representative Glenard P. Lipscomb was briefed on East-West trade matters for about two hours. Present were: William Morell, [redacted] and John S. Warner. Mr. Morell gave a general briefing on the East-West trade situation and then went into the CIA support aspects to the control committee including great detail as to how this actually functioned. Mr. Lipscomb had a number of specific questions about this which the group was able to answer. Mr. Lipscomb did make a point that where intelligence indicated that a particular item would be of assistance to a Communist country and the license was granted anyway, shouldn't the Agency take further action. It was explained carefully that in the first place none of these matters were that clearcut and they were matters of judgment. In any event, the Agency position was that it presented the facts and it was up to the policy makers to make their judgment based on those facts and this was the limit of the Agency responsibility under law. Mr. Lipscomb also indicated that one of the members of the House Banking and Currency Committee which has a copy of the Fiat Report apparently is interpreting it differently than he, Lipscomb, interprets it. (Morell and I agreed that we ought to follow up and possibly look at their draft report which we will do.) Mr. Lipscomb closed by saying the session had been very helpful to him and I believe it was. On the other hand, it was perfectly apparent that his problems with the procedure and machinery really go to the question of his opposition to the Administration's policy itself.

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